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Update**

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The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Office of Youth Services/Office of Youth Opportunities (OYO) brings you the Youth Opportunity Grant (YOG) Technical Assistance Update. On a bi-weekly basis, the update will provide important announcements and information for YOG sites, partners, and coaches.

Please let us know if these updates are useful to you and how it might be improved to better serve your needs. If you have information or items to contribute, or topics that you would like see covered, please contact Susan Rosenblum, Office of Youth Opportunities, at srosenblum@doleta.gov or (202) 693-3597.

Important Announcement from the Administrator

As Administrator of the Office of Youth Services Lorenzo Harrison is excited about the recent opportunity that was extended to him by the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He has been asked to address the Federal Agencies and Practitioner Meeting on Monday, July 23, 2001 on the subject of "Gang Influence and Youth Development".

Toward this end we are soliciting any information that will help to inform our various federal partners regarding the challenges, work and creative approaches that have been undertaken by our various YOG sites

Please take a moment to consider this topic and send any related information, insights, and practices both current and planned that may serve to underscore this unrivaled challenge and opportunity.

This information can be sent to Richard Morris at rmorris@doleta.gov. Feel free to call 202 693-3603 should you have any further questions regarding this request.
Thank You

Announcements for Solicitations for Grant Applications for five different grants totaling \$10.3 million to help provide employment and training services to persons with

disabilities are now published on the Federal Register in the following areas:

- (1) *Customized Employment*: Up to seven grants will be available to local Workforce Investment Boards to build/expand capacity of One Stops and their partners to provide customized employment for people with disabilities and to ensure that such services become part of the menu of services within the local workforce development system.
- (2) *Innovative Demonstration Programs for WIA-assisted youth programs*: Up to nine grants will be available to you service providers to fund model programs that enhance the capacity of WIA youth programs to serve youth with disabilities.
- (3) *WIA Disability Technical Assistance Consortium*: Two grants will be awarded, one focusing on youth services and the other on adult services, each designated to assist One-Stop Career Centers and other WIA-assisted programs in serving youth with disabilities.
- (4) *High School/High Tech Start-Up*: Up to eight grants will be available to non-profit organizations, educational institutions, or WIA-assisted program entities, to initiate High School/High Tech programs for youth with disabilities.
- (5) *High School/High Tech Realignment*: Up to twenty grants will be available to enable existing High School/High Tech programs to realign their programs with the WIA system.

The Federal Register website is at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html. Applications are due August 10, 2001.

Interim Report of Youth Offender Demonstration Project Process Evaluation

A record number of 500,000 offenders will return to their communities in 2001, with juvenile offenders representing an important segment of this reentry group. Without structured aftercare supervision and services, youth offenders reentering their communities may relapse, commit crimes, and return to confinement in either juvenile or adult correctional facilities. Evidence shows that active intervention for young offenders can help raise employment and decrease crime and recidivism, reducing their costs to society. As a result, the U.S. Departments of Labor and Justice funded 14 local demonstration projects in Program Year 1998 which were designed to assist youth at risk of criminal involvement, youth offenders, and gang members ages 14 through 24 into long-term employment at wages that prevent future dependency and break the cycle of crime and juvenile delinquency. This process evaluation provides an interim assessment of the implementation process undertaken by each project and determines the extent to which each was effective in building upon existing programs and systems to serve targeted youth. To view the full report, please visit <http://wdr.doleta.gov/opr/fulltext/document.asp?docn=6150>

Program Spotlight: Making Movies in Philly

(NOTE: The following article was submitted by Grace Cannon, Instructor for Philadelphia YO!. For more information please contact Grace at 215/972-0330 or e-mail: gcannon@yesphilly.org)

The three Youth Opportunity Centers opened under the Youth Opportunity Grant for Philadelphia are featuring film and video production for their members. Consultants have been teaching video production on site at each of our three centers (American Street, North Central and West). These consultants are from Melody Vision/Project Respect which is a local business composed of a for-profit film and video production division, as well as a non-profit community education division. The education outreach part of Melody Vision helps local communities and educational facilities learn film and video technology, as well as how to use the medium of film

as a meaningful educational tool. As Melody Vision does not stay at a site forever, one Instructor at each center has been taking the basic film class with their Y.O.C. members, as to fully absorb the technology and story development process. In the end, one permanent staff member at each center will be able to continually work with members to develop and produce their own video biographies. You can read more about this project on the OYS home page (http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/). See "Program Spotlight"

Publications

CURRENT JOBS & FUTURE OPTIONS: A GUIDE FOR UNIONS TO EDUCATE YOUTH ABOUT WORK. This new publication from the AFL-CIO Working for America Institute is available at: www.workingforamerica.org/currentjobs/page1.htm

HELPING ALL YOUTH SUCCEED: This May 2001 report from Commonwealth Corporation is intended to help practitioners, youth leaders, and others build stronger local youth-serving systems by integrating sound youth development strategies into their work. The manual includes strategic planning tools and advice on their use. To order, go to: www.commcorp.org/cyde/products.htm or contact Prudence Tegha, Commonwealth

Useful Web Sites

Non-traditional Employment for Women This web site serves as a point of access to information about both the WANTO and NEW Grant Projects as well as to research, organizations, and a directory of contacts dedicated to the provision of services to women in nontraditional employment. <http://wdr.doleta.gov/research/wanto/>

Need to translate flyers, posters and other materials for YO! participants, parents and community members? Here are some websites that will help you out:

AltaVista Translation: <http://world.altavista.com/>

Quick and free translations of web sites or text typed into a form.

Intertran: <http://www.tranexp.com:2000/InterTran?> InterTran (tm), short for Internet Translator, is a free web translation service that can translate single words, phrases, sentences and entire web pages.

WorldLingo: <http://worldlingo.com/> This site offers a variety of translation services, including instant machine translations of web sites, email and text.

Employment Site for Youth: <http://www.juniorjobs.com/index.tpl> Junior Jobs is a site created by youth for youth looking for employment. It is currently only for youth in DC, Virginia and Maryland but is a great model.

Important Dates to Remember

July 16 - 18, 2001: JETT*CONN in Baltimore, MD www.jettconn.org

July 20 - 21, 2001: The Academy for Educational Development's Center for Youth Development and Policy Research is hosting its National Community Youth Mapping

Conference in Washington, DC. Young people and adults from across the national will learn about implementing Community Youth Mapping. Check out www.aed.org for more information.

July 21 - 27, 2001: The National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership (NPCL) holds the next YO! Institute in Leesburg, VA. For more information please contact Charles Modiano at cmodiano@doleta.gov or at 202/693-3605

September 13 - 14: The PEPNet 2001 Institute Doubletree Crystal City, Arlington, VA. The annual Promising and Effective Practices Network (PEPNet) Institute is a unique, interactive conference that connects professionals to what works in youth employment programming. The highly acclaimed Institute has sold out early every year-so register now! For more information, visit www.nyec.org/pepnet_institute. See the flyer in PDF format at www.nyec.org/Institute01.pdf or contact NYEC at (202) 659-1064. (E-mail: nyec@nyec.org.)

September 19 - 22, 2001: Fifth Annual Biennial Conference on Your City's Families in Minneapolis, MN sponsored by the Institute for Youth, Education and Families of the National League of Cities. For more information go to their web site at www.nlc.org or call 202/626-3000

September 20: Teleconference: Myths, Facts and Illicit Drugs: What You Should Know; the 4th in a four-part series is on marijuana. Sponsored by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the National Guard Bureau, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. All viewing sites must register in advance to receive the necessary satellite coordinates. Sites may register through the Internet by logging on to: <http://www.dlnets.com/cd/htm> or calling 887-820-0305.